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SYSTEM

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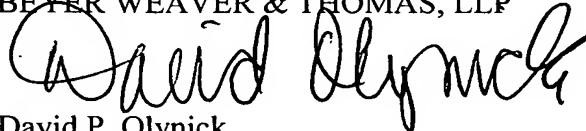
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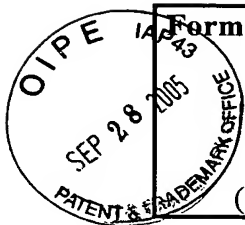
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**U.S. Patent Documents**

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**Foreign Patent or Published Foreign Patent Application**

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	B2	EP 1 004 970	5/31/2000	EPO	G06F	17/60	X	
	B3	EP 0 015 081	9/3/1980	EPO	G07F	17/34	X	
	B4	DE 42 05 098	8/26/1993	Germany	G07F	17/34		X

**Other Documents**

Examiner Initial	No.	Author, Title, Date, Place (e.g. Journal) of Publication
	C1	Copy of European Search Report dated June 30, 2005 from corresponding EP Application no. 04252032.0 (3 pages).
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